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FROM	AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES	CLASSIFICATION	
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TAGS:	XX SOPN, SHUM, AR		
SUBJECT:	GOA Scrutinizes Newspapers Before Publication		
LOCATION:	SECSTATE WASHDC		
INFO:	USIA WASHDC		
RE:	BUENOS AIRES 8304		
	1. On night of November 2, police held up publication of all Buenos Aires newspapers while Ministry of Interior officials reviewed their contents. None were subsequently censored but some delays in publication and distribution were experienced. Only the BUENOS AIRES HERALD reported the incident (on November 4) xxx commenting that "it was not revealed why the measure was taken but sources close to the government said the authorities had been concerned by the handling of the rail strike by some newspapers."		
	2. USIS Press Officer has learned from Interior Ministry sources that LA PRENSA		

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Margaret P. Girdle, Director
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and CRONICA were the real targets of the Ministry's action. "Their reporting bordered on incitement to strike" said the source.

3. COMMENT: The GOA's action in "checking out" the press' reporting of recent labor problems was a one-shot deal that will probably not be repeated on a regular basis. It does indicate, again, the government's extreme sensitivity whenever it feels its basic motives and policies are at stake. Media coverage of the rail and subway strikes appeared to us cautious, correct and understanding if not overtly sympathetic to the government's position.

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